at that place. There is however a proposal under the consideration of the Inspector-General of Registration to open a Sub-Registry Office at Valayam in the Kurumbaranad tlauk."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" May I know, Sir, whether the proposals under Part II schemes with regard to the opening of sub-registry offices in various places which were put off for the sake of the partition of the State will be taken up now for execution?"

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU:—" They will be taken into account in the next Budget, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" What is the exact distance between the place known as Vilayattur and the place in which it is proposed to open the registration office at Valayam and what is the exact distance between Vilayathur and the nearest registration office?"

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU:—" I want notice, Sir."

Acquittal of a Prohibition case in South Arcot district.

* 197 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state whether any Prohibition case was acquitted in the South Arcot district up to 31st October in the year 1953 for the reason that arrack is not prohibited liquor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM:—" The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" May I ask why 'arrack' is not prohibited?"

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM:—" Arrack is prohibited."

Leasing of waste lands in Kuthali Nayar's Estate.

* 198 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of waste lands in Kuthali Nayar's Estate, Kurumbaranad taluk, have been allowed for cultivation in 1949–50, 1950–51 and 1951–52;

(*b*) for how many years they have been leased to tenants; and

(*c*) whether the tenants have the right to effect improvements?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) 1,119. acres in 1949.

1,099 acres in 1950.
1,104·50 acres in 1951.
912·50 acres in 1952.
810·0 acres in 1953.